

11-27-01

A

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

Date 11/16/01Label No. 52 7677 19 92905

I hereby certify that, on the date indicated above, this paper or fee was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service & that it was addressed for delivery to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 by "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service.

Name (Print) D B PeckSignature [Signature]

PLEASE CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY UP TO \$300.00 OR CREDIT ANY EXCESS IN THE FEES DUE WITH THIS DOCUMENT TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 04-0100

Customer No.:



07278

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No: 2309/OK045

J1017 U.S. PTO

10/001886



11/16/01

DARBY & DARBY P.C.

805 Third Avenue

New York, New York 10022

212-527-7700

Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

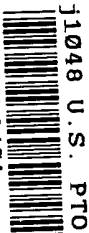
Inventor/s (name ALL inventors): Hisashi TAKAI; Kazuya OKADA;
Takayoshi KONISHI

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING NON-WOVEN FABRIC

including the items indicated:

1. Specification and 20 claims: 4 indep.; 16 dep.; multiple dep.;
including 27 page(s) of written description; 6 page(s) of claims;
1 page(s) of abstract.
2. ☒ Drawings, 8 sheets (Figs. 1-9F)
3. ☒ Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney
☐ Unexecuted Declaration/Power of Attorney
4. ☒ Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. §1.76.

11/16/01



J1048 U.S. PTO

5. ☒ Assignment for recording to: Uni-Charm Corporation

☐ Assignment was recorded at Reel No. , Frame No. , on .

☐ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.215(b), please print the following assignment information on the face of the published application:

Assignee:

6. ☐ The applicant claims small entity status.

7. ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(b) of:

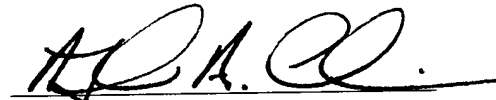
Country: Japan
Number: 2000-358777
Date: November 27, 2000

A certified copy of the prior document ☒ is enclosed ☐ will follow
☐ was filed in a previous application.

8. ☒ Payment in amount of \$864.00, (\$824 filing; \$40 recording)
in the form of
☒ check
☐ deposit account no. 04-0100
☐ credit card (see attached form)
(See attached **Fee Computation Sheet**)

Date: November 16, 2001

Respectfully submitted,



Alphonso A. Collins
Reg. No. 43,559
Attorney for Applicant(s)

PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

	No. of Claims Presented	Extra Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate
Basic Fee				\$740.00
Total Claims	20 - 20	- 0 = 0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3	- 0 = 1	x \$84.00	\$84.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		- if so, add	\$280.00	\$0.00
Surcharge for late submission of filing fee and/or declaration (\$130.00)				\$0.00
SUBTOTAL				\$824.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity REDUCTION (Half of Subtotal)				\$0.00
Fee for recordation of assignment (\$40.00)				\$40.00
Charge for filing non-English language application (\$130.00)				\$0.00
TOTAL				\$864.00

DARBY &
DARBY

11 - 16 - 0

EXPRESS MAIL CONFIRMATION (Please Print)

- ① Express Mail Label No. EL 767719929 US From: PAT. DP
2. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719932 US From: PCT DP
3. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719946 US From: Reps DP
4. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720374 - US From: IDS JP
5. Express Mail Label No. EL 706716433 - US From: Resp. TM.
6. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720391 US From: MSA AD
7. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720388 - US From: IDS BWL
8. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720414 US IF From: AD
9. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719552 - US From: DD
10. Express Mail Label No. EL 706716416 - US From: D.D. TM
11. Express Mail Label No. EL 706716420 - US From: D.D. TM
12. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720405 - US From: Supp. IDS BWL
13. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719950 US From: PAT. DP
14. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720428 - US From: Compln. BWL
15. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719773 - US From: D.D.
16. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720431 - US From: IF BWL
17. Express Mail Label No. _____ From: _____
18. Express Mail Label No. _____ From: _____
19. Express Mail Label No. _____ From: _____
20. Express Mail Label No. _____ From: _____

Messenger: Before completing and signing this form, please be certain that each of the Express Mail Labels is clearly marked by the postal clerk with a "date in" and then attach them to this page.

(see other side)



DARBY & DARBY

Messenger Certification

This certifies that I have hand delivered sealed Express Mail envelopes with the label numbers shown above to the post office identified below and on the date shown. I received each envelope in sealed form from the person identified above.

In the event that it becomes necessary to prove a date of delivery of any of the above envelopes to the United States Patent And Trademark Office (USPTO), I authorize any attorney at Darby & Darby to file any necessary papers in my name or on my behalf. In the event that it becomes necessary to prove the contents of any of the above envelopes, I authorize the person who gave me the envelope to do so in my name or on my behalf.

It may become necessary to submit this paper to the USPTO. Any person signing a paper so submitted is presumed to vouch for the truth of all statements appearing in the paper. If you know any statement above to be untrue, signing this paper may therefore subject you to penalties for committing perjury under the laws of the United States of America.

POST OFFICE LOCATION : 53 rd 3rd Ave

Messenger: J. Catala
(Name, print)

J. Catala
(Signature)

Date: 9/20 Time: 9:00

PATRICK R. DONAHOE
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



202 268-5394

J1017 U.S. PTO
10/001886
11/16/01

November 16, 2001

VICE PRESIDENTS, AREA OPERATIONS
MANAGER, CAPITAL METRO OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of Express Mail Service to
Washington, D.C. ZIP Codes 202 through 205

Due to current operating conditions and government security measures, Express Mail products destined for federal government agencies in Washington, D.C. (ZIP Codes 202 through 205), are experiencing significant delays. Therefore, effective immediately Express Mail service to Washington, D.C., ZIP Codes 202 through 205, is temporarily suspended. The sales of this services is to be discontinued at all retail locations, including Contract Postal Units (CPUs). Customers should be advised either to use First-Class Mail for mail destined for these ZIP Codes or wait to send items until this temporary suspension is lifted.

Business customers will be advised of this suspension through the Business Service Network. You will be advised when this suspension is lifted. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Henry Pankey at (202) 268-5394.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Donahoe".

Patrick R. Donahoe

cc: Ms. Bizzotto

**DARBY &
DARBY**

PROFESSIONAL
CORPORATION

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

805 THIRD AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022-7513
TEL (212) 527-7700
FAX (212) 753-6237

November 20, 2001

Reference: 8909/82382

JOSEPH B. LERCH
MEMBER OF THE FIRM
212-527-7700
jlerch@darbylaw.com



*Receipt date granted
is 11/16/01.
J. Chang
from OPLA*

**VIA REGISTER MAIL NO. RR 622 592 624 US
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Commissioner of Patents
2900 Crystal Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3514

**Re: Request for Filing Date Pursuant to United States Postal Service
Interruption of Express Mail Service**

Sir:

This is a request to have a filing date of November 16, 2001 accorded to each paper included in 13 express mail packages contained in two boxes accompanying this letter.

This letter is also accompanied by the declaration of Orlando Catala and the declaration of Gabriella Karaszi.

In our office, services, such as copying and messenger services, are performed on site by employees of Archer Management Services. The senior site manager, Mr. Gerald Brown, manages several customer service representatives, Mr. Catala, being one of them.

In our office, express mail is delivered to the local post office (53rd Street and 3rd Avenue) by a customer service representative each evening. The express mail is packaged into express mail packages by various clerks in the docketing department, who seal the express mail packages. Each express mail package is identified by its label number on a form entitled "Express Mail Confirmation", which also shows the initials of the docket clerk who provided the package. Upon delivering the Express Mail, the

November 20, 2001
Page 2

customer service representative is required to fill in, date and sign the Messenger Certification on the back of the form.

Exhibit A to the declaration of Orlando Catala (a two-sided document) is a true copy of the Express Mail Confirmation for November 16, 2001 (Catala Declaration, Paragraph 3). On the back, it has the messenger certification which, in this case indicates that the 16 packages identified were delivered to the post office at 53rd Street and 3rd Avenue at 9pm on November 16, 2001 (Catala Declaration, Exhibit A).

However, the post office clerk refused to accept 13 of the express mail packages (Catala Declaration, Paragraph 4).

In the second paragraph of the messenger certification, Mr. Catala authorizes any attorney at Darby & Darby to file all papers on his behalf that may be necessary to prove a date of delivery of the express mail packages. The undersigned is filing the present request in that capacity.

Ms. Gabriella Karaszi is the Docketing Manager at Darby & Darby (Karaszi Declaration, Paragraph 1).

On November 19, 2001, she opened each of the thirteen express mail packages and inserted a copy of a letter from the United States Postal Service advising a suspension of express mail service to zip codes 202 - 205 (Karaszi Declaration, Exhibit A). She did not add anything else to or remove anything from any of the packages and retained them in her possession up to the time they were sealed for re-mailing to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. (Karaszi Declaration, Paragraph 3).

Ms. Karaszi identifies Exhibit B to her declaration as a true copy of the Express Mail Confirmation form for November 16, 2001 (Karaszi Declaration, Paragraph 4). A comparison will reveal that it is identical to Exhibit A of the Catala Declaration.

Thus, an effort was made to deposit each of the enclosed express mail packages at the local post office for delivery to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by express mail service. However, owing to the U.S. postal service's refusal to accept November 20, 2001 the packages, delivery in this manner proved impossible.


The undersigned has therefore submitted all of the packages by registered mail pursuant to the USPTO notice of November 20, 2001

DARBY &
DARBY

November 20, 2001
Page 3

and now requests that each paper included in each of the packages be accorded a filing date of November 16, 2001, since the indicated procedure has now been complied with.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph B. Lerch
Reg. No. 26,936
Attorney For Applicant(s)

DARBY & DARBY P.C.
805 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(212) 527-7700

PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. _____

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
FEE RECORD SHEET

12/07/2001 EMAIL1 00000046 10001886

01 FC:101	740.00 DP
02 FC:102	84.00 DP